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of the CDU West Berlin held in the
the Vorstand censured both Mayor
for having accepted the invitation
Kreiss. Party discipline was
Friedensburg and Lemmer deciding
in Godesberg.

burg advanced a proposal for accept-
the West Sector Magistrat and coming
Sector Magistrat for Berlin
ing up a central Magistrat. Friedens-
the Germans place the Allies before
would approve it. This proposal
but the consensus of opinion
Friedensburg is incorrigible on

DU West Berlin has experienced a
which threatens to close out the office
has brought the party paper Der Tag
situation was somewhat alleviated
one elections, which has brought an
ty members, who for their late join-
as membership dues, thereby more or
position of the party offices.

considered critical by the CDU leader-
offices would deprive the CDU of
maintenance of even a semblance of
Zone. There are still small groups
Russian Zone, who come regularly
st developments in the East and
members of the CDU West.

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5. One such group is reportedly concentrated around the CDU in Herrnhut, Saxony (formerly Silesia) a city with a strongly religious Protestant population. The group keeps in contact with other groups in Saxony and is in touch with Prof. Hickmann, chairman of the CDU Saxony.
6. On 16 and 17 August this group sent five of its most active members to Berlin to consult with the CDU to ascertain the usefulness of keeping up any semblance of political activity, even as slight as this. They pointed out that they had formed a group whose purpose it was to withstand Russian pressure, by refusing to succumb to intimidation. In the last few months, morale had dropped to an alltime low, people no longer being willing to stay, resulting in July in the flight of 50 people from Herrnhut (estimated population 2,200) and 200 people from Loebau (estimated population 40,000) to the West. The refugees came mainly from the intellectual segment of the population.
7. Muschke, in discussing possible elections in the Russian Zone, has reportedly refused to yield on his stand for separate lists of delegates. Fischer, CDU Saxony-Anhalt, was recently called to his Russian Control Officer and told that there would be no elections for the time being.

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